

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for purchasing products through bidding online, the system comprising a corporation website, an application server, a database linking to the application server through a connection, a plurality of client computers linking to the corporation website through a network, and a plurality of supplier computers linking to the corporation website through an external network, wherein the application server comprises:

a supplier data management module for maintaining basic information on suppliers and their products, and for selecting a plurality of suitable suppliers according to information on products to be purchased;

a price inquiring/quoting/price negotiating management module for inquiring of prices, receiving quotations from the selected suppliers, negotiating prices, and generating price-related records;

an online bidding management module for opening a bid, comparing bidding results according to the price-related records, determining a winning supplier, granting a winning bid to the winning supplier, and generating bid-related records; and

a contract management module for signing procurement contracts with the winning suppliers online, and for maintaining the procurement contracts.

Claim 2 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the application server further comprises a procurement data management module for maintaining information on products to be purchased for a purchasing organization.

Claim 3 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the application server further comprises a stock receiving and accounts balancing module for receiving and checking of products delivered by a winning supplier according to information on products to be purchased.

Claim 4 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the price inquiring/quoting/price negotiating management module comprises:

- a price inquiring sub-module for inquiring of prices of selected supplier, and generating price inquiring records;

- a quotation receiving sub-module for receiving quotations provided by inquired suppliers, and generating quoting records;

- a price negotiation sub-module for negotiating prices with suppliers, and generating price negotiating records; and

- a price-related record maintaining sub-module for adding, deleting and checking price-related records, said price-related records comprising price inquiring records, quoting records and price negotiating records.

Claim 5 (original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the online bidding management module comprises:

- a bid opening sub-module for opening a bid for selected suppliers logging on the corporation website to bid online, and generating a bid opening record;

- a bid comparing sub-module for selecting a winning supplier according to quoting records, price negotiating records and information on products to be purchased, and for generating a bid comparing record;

- a bid granting sub-module for granting a winning bid to a winning supplier, and generating a bid granting record; and

- a bidding recording maintaining sub-module for adding, deleting, modifying and searching bid-related records, said bid-related records comprising bid opening records, bid comparing records and bid granting records.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for purchasing products through bidding online, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving information on products to be purchased from a client computer, and stored the information into a database;

accessing basic data on corresponding suppliers that provide the products to be purchased, and selecting a plurality of suitable suppliers by comparing the information on the products to be purchased and the basic data on suppliers;

opening a bid online, generating a bid opening record, and storing the bid opening record in the database;

receiving bidding results from the selected suppliers, and storing the bidding results in the database;

comparing the bidding results to select a winning supplier according to quoting records of the selected suppliers, price negotiating records with the selected suppliers and information on products to be purchased; and

granting a winning bid to the winning supplier and notifying the winning supplier to deliver the products.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

signing a procurement contract with the winning supplier; and

checking the products delivered by the winning supplier according to the information on the products to be purchased, ~~and determining whether the quality of the products is satisfactory; and~~

~~calculating corresponding accounts when the quality of the products is satisfactory.~~

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 6, wherein the step of granting a winning bid to the winning supplier comprises the step of:

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comparing the other selected suppliers and selecting a new winning supplier ~~when~~
on the condition that the winning supplier does not accept the grant.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of
checking the products delivered by the winning supplier further comprises the step of:

notifying the winning supplier that the products must be re-delivered or that the
products will be returned, ~~when the quality of the products delivered is not satisfactory.~~